

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 25 are currently pending, wherein claims 1-15, 17-24, and 26-30 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein below.

In paragraph 3 of the Office action ("Action"), the Examiner rejects claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 2003/0072255 to Ma et al. ("Ma") in view of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 2004/0179627 to Ketchum et al. ("Ketchum"). Claim 25 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 26, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

In paragraph 4 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 16 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Ma. Claim 16 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 17 and claim 22 has been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Penny L. Caudle Reg. No. 46,607 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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